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Applicants: W.K. Hagmann et al.

Serial No.: 10/509,277 Case No.: 21071YP

Filed: September 27, 2004

For: SUBSTITUTED ARYL AMIDES

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Examiner:  
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.181(a)(1)

Sir:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(1), Applicants petition the action of the Examiner in the *ex parte* prosecution of the present application, making the rejection mailed February 16, 2006, final. Such a decision is not subject to appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or to the court. Applicants submit that the finality of the action was premature. Applicants respectfully request that the Director remove the finality of the rejection. The present Petition is being mailed within 2 months of the mailing date of the action from which relief is requested.

In the Office Action dated February 16, 2006, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 and 9-17 over a new piece of art, RN 95958-63-7, which the Examiner stated anticipated the present invention. The Examiner stated that Applicant's amendment express mailed December 14, 2005, and noted as filed December 16, 2006, necessitated the new grounds of rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that the finality of the rejection was premature. The newly cited art was not "necessitated" by the amendments made in response to the first office action. The elements of the claims that allegedly fall within the newly cited prior art were present in the initial application.

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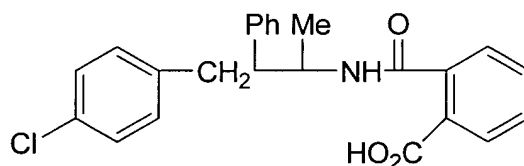
In the December 14, 2005, response to the office action of September 15, 2005, (copy of both Office Action and Response enclosed), Applicants made the following amendments to the claims of the present application:

- Corrected spelling of “alkyl” in R<sup>1</sup> definition (Claims 1, 2)
- Corrected punctuation—replacing semicolon with a colon following “wherein” (Claim 9).
- Deleted phrase “each alkyl is optionally substituted with one, two, three or four substituents independently selected from R<sup>a</sup>” from the definition of R<sup>2</sup>. (R<sup>2</sup> did not have any alkyl groups). (Claims 1, 2)
- Amended R<sup>3</sup> to be optionally substituted C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl, by the deletion of “hydrogen” from the definition of R<sup>3</sup> (Claims 1, 9, and 12),
- Deleted the provisos affecting compounds wherein R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen (Claims 1, and 9).

The amendment of R<sup>3</sup> to be optionally substituted alkyl affected the scope of the claimed subject matter.

In the Office Action mailed February 16, 2006 (copy enclosed), the Examiner allowed Claim 8, and rejected Claims 1-7 and 9-17 under 35 USC § 102(b), over RN 95958-63-7 (copy enclosed), and objected to Claims 18-24 as being dependent on a rejected base claim.

RN95958-63-7 discloses the compound below:



RN 95958-63-7

The Examiner stated that RN 95958-63-7, anticipated the present invention when R<sup>1</sup> was phenyl substituted with chloro, R<sup>2</sup> was phenyl, R<sup>6</sup> was H, R<sup>3</sup> was methyl, and Ar<sup>1</sup> was phenyl substituted with carboxylic acid. The Examiner stated that since the compound can be in water (being carboxylic acid and amide derivative), and water being well known pharmaceutical-carrier, the composition was anticipated as well.

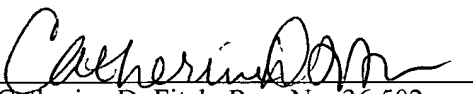
Applicants submit that the Examiner was premature in making the rejection over RN95958-63-7 final. The December 14, 2005, amendments substantively affected only the scope of R<sup>3</sup>. RN95958-63 applies to compounds wherein R<sup>3</sup> is methyl. R<sup>3</sup> as methyl was disclosed and claimed in the initial application, and was not affected by the December 14, 2005, amendments. The application of this art to the

claimed invention was not necessitated by the December amendments made in response to the first Office Action.

Applicants respectfully petition the Director to remove the finality of the February 16, 2006 office action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(1), as being premature. (See, MPEP § 706.07(c))

The fee required by § 1.17(h) is enclosed. Any additional fees associated with this Petition or the prosecution of the above-identified application may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

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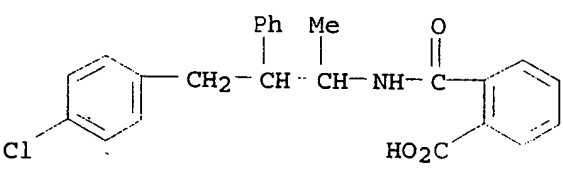
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## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
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- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

#### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 12/17/2004 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 defines R2 to be various groups but the alkyl, and at the same time depicts that each alkyl is substituted with various substituents, thus rendering claims indefinite.

#### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.



5. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

6. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

7. Claims 1-7 and 9-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over GB 899556.

GB'556 teaches structurally similar compounds, composition and method of use as claimed herein. See for example, page 1, column 1, lines 10-20. The difference between the reference and herein claimed compounds is that the reference has not made specific compounds as claimed herein.

It would have been prima facie obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to obtain compounds within the generic disclosure of the

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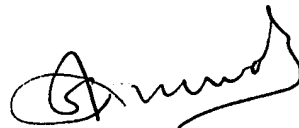
reference, because they are structurally so similar to those claimed herein, with the reasonable expectation of achieving a successful pharmaceutical composition, for treating tumors, absent evidence to the contrary. Note that R1 and R2 in the reference can be halo and methyl or halo and methoxy, thus not covered by the proviso.

8. Claim 8 appears to be free of prior art and is allowable.

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA - KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Johann Richter can be reached on (571)272-0646. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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### DETAILED ACTION

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Claims 1-24 are pending in this application.

Rejection of claims 1-7 and 9-24 over GB 899556 is hereby withdrawn subsequent to applicants' amendment.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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RN 95958-63-7 anticipate instant claimed compounds when, in the instant claims, R1 is phenyl substituted with chloro, R2 is phenyl, R6 is H, , R3 is methyl, and Ar1 is phenyl substituted with carboxylic acid. Inasmuch compound can be in water (being carboxylic acid and amide derivative), and water being well known pharmaceutical carrier, the composition is anticipated too.

3. Claims 18-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claim 8 is allowed.

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5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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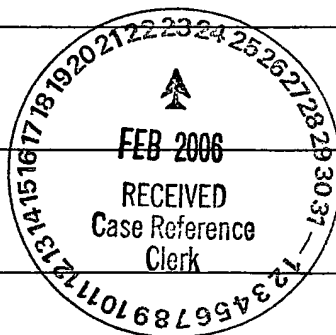
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